

**National Transportation Safety Board  
Washington, DC 20594**

**Brief of Accident**

**Adopted 12/04/2001**

CHI00LA254A File No. 11132	08/11/2000	NORTH PLATTE, NE	Aircraft Reg No. N1116Y	Time (Local): 23:00 CDT		
Make/Model:	Cessna / 208B			Fatal	Serious	Minor/None
Engine Make/Model:	P&W / PT6A-114A		Crew	0	0	1
Aircraft Damage:	Minor		Pass	0	0	0
Number of Engines:	1					
Operating Certificate(s):	On-demand Air Taxi					
Name of Carrier:	SUBURBAN AIR FREIGHT					
Type of Flight Operation:	Non-scheduled; Domestic; Cargo					
Reg. Flight Conducted Under:	Part 135: Air Taxi & Commuter					
Last Depart. Point:	Same as Accident/Incident Location			Condition of Light:	Night/Dark	
Destination:	GRAND ISLAND , NE			Weather Info Src:	Weather Observation Facility	
Airport Proximity:	On Airport			Basic Weather:	Visual Conditions	
Airport Name:	NORTH PLATTE REGIONAL			Lowest Ceiling:	None	
Runway Identification:	0			Visibility:	10.00 SM	
Runway Length/Width (Ft):	Unk/Nr			Wind Dir/Speed:	160 / 011 Kts	
Runway Surface:				Temperature (°C):	86	
Runway Surface Condition:				Obstr to Vision:	None	
				Precipitation:	None	
Pilot-in-Command	Age: 56			Flight Time (Hours)		
Certificate(s)/Rating(s)				Total All Aircraft:	3232	
Commercial; Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land				Last 90 Days:	Unk/Nr	
Instrument Ratings				Total Make/Model:	226	
Airplane				Total Instrument Time:	212	

A Cessna 208B sustained minor damage during taxiing when it impacted a standing Cessna 172N with two occupants. The 172N sustained substantial damage. The Cessna 172N while on a taxiway, "performed our run-up and opened our flight plan." The Cessna 208B's pilot said, "Then all of a sudden I saw the rudder of the airplane. There were no lights on the tail of 172 that I could see. I applied the brakes and slid the wheels but the propeller cut into the tail of the 172." A witness stated, "[The Cessna 172N] taxied out to taxi way 'B'. As he was leaving I saw that he did have his beacon on the tail flashing, this was about 10:40. ... As I walked outside, [the Cessna 208B] was on taxiway 'B' traveling at a moderate to slightly high speed. Nothing outrageous but he was moving along. Then I saw the impact. ... It wasn't until I drove out there that I saw the 172 with the tail tore off that I realized what had happened."

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Occurrence #1: COLLISION BETWEEN AIRCRAFT (OTHER THAN MIDAIR)

Phase of Operation: TAXI

Findings

1. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - DARK NIGHT
2. (C) CLEARANCE - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Findings Legend: (C) = Cause, (F) = Factor

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The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows.  
the pilot not maintaining clearance form the other airplane while taxiing. A factor was the dark night.